

When Riding On The Stormy Seas (Mark 6:45-56)

Proposition: There are some things that every Christian needs to know when riding the stormy seas of life.

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One of my favorite choral songs is: Till the storm passes by. The chorus goes: Till the storm passes - over till the thunder sounds no more till the clouds roll forever from the sky, hold me fast let me stand... What a wonderful song and glorious but but when you are in the midst of the storm, when you are holding on for dear life it is easy to forget those bed rock truths of the Word of God that prove to be a guiding beacon in a stormy sea. Therefore there are some things that every Christian needs to know when

Riding the stormy seas of life #1

T. Relent to the Injection into Difficulties V45

What an amazing spiritual high. The people are considering forcefully making Jesus their King. Jesus then diffuses the

A. The Enforcer of the Injection V45 - He

constrained. It is a phrase that indicates to compel by force.

Jesus is forcing them away from celebration and glory. Forcing

them away from comfort and ease and forcing them right into a life + death trial. So much for care to Jesus and every thing will be alright.

apply: Often times when we are placed in
B. The Explanation of the objection
Why? John 6 tells us that they were
about to make him King. That was
not in the plan and the will of
God! Not the way of a crown of Gold but
a crown of thorns! This was a great
spiritual high yet we will see soon
that they are missing a lesson. Some
times God allows trial to keep our feet on
the ground. I heard a story about a man

II. Rely on an Intercessor at a Distance
One of the most blessed truths of the
Bible is the intercessory role of Christ
in the life of the Child of God. Clearly ^{Prestes}

A. Interceding Prayer ¹⁵⁻¹⁶ ^{city mission}
to note that the night before he chose
his disciples in Ch 3 he went to a mountain
to pray. And now when he tries his
disciples he is praying again. He
sees the difficulty of his disciples
and approached his Father on their
behalf. Robert M. McChayne: If He could
hear Jesus praying for him in next room have
all the confidence in ^{word}. That is what is ^{happening}

B. Interceding Priesthood - What a
beautiful picture of the gospel story
Christ the bread of life broken to
meet the need. Disciples sent on stormy
seas. He ascends to mtn. Seas always

- 1) ...placed into trial and difficulty it may be at the hand of our Saviour.

- 2) I heard a story about a man called George Adam Smith who was an Old Testament scholar. One day Smith climbed the Weisshorn above the Zermatt Valley in Switzerland - some of you may have been there, I have been quite near to it. He went up there with his guide, and they made the ascent on the sheltered side of the mountain. When he got to the top he was so exhilarated with the thought that he had climbed it, and the view, the panoramic wonder before him, that he forgot about the gale. He threw his arms in the air and shouted with exhilaration, and the guide grabbed him, pulled him down, and said: 'On your knees! You're only safe up here when you're on your knees!'

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Saviour

- 1) John 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to
you. John 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth
them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be
loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself

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2) at the end of their physical strength. Oft times that's where e

we have to get to look to Him.

only safe up here when you're on your knees!

- 3) ...from the shore or the mountain, but the point of the storm is
not the calming of it, it is seeing Christ in it! Seeing who

Speak of separation. He seems to tell us that our Lord Jesus has now entered into heaven itself, and is before the father. And soon will come for his own. He is also a sympathetic high priest that comes now
Jn 14:18, 21 And that's what happens

III. Recognize the Encounter in the Darkness. The Lord Jesus not only intercedes

at a distance he is also involved + active in Storm

A. An Unexpected Encounter - Jesus came unto them during the 4th watch. This is between 3am - 6am. These men had been rowing and struggling for night unto 7 or 8 hours. Then at the last moment he comes. He heard many a sermon title: When hopes all gave help on the way. At the end of their

B. An Unprecedented Encounter - I have never Mark puts it "walking upon the sea"

C. Saw dropping, eye-popping staleness. Something like this had never been seen before. Unprecedented. All three gospel accounts yield the same 3 words: Walking on top of the sea. He could have calmed the storm from the shore

C. An Unusual Encounter - To say the least this was disconcerting to the disciples - The screamed! This I believe has something to do with the phrase "would have passed by" Passed by means to come near or alongside. But because of their fear and

against or pandemic. But all said see how the

IV. React to the Exaltation of His Deity - We know from the gospel of John, the Boat was immediately to the other side. Miracle after miracle and yet vs 51-52

A. React to who He is - Their hearts were hardened. Hardened in the times of plenty hardened in the times of peril concerning who he was! He was not just some guy that could multiply bread and walk on water He was God! The people in vs 53-55 They did not see him walk on water, instantly bring the boat to land and calm the sea yet the partially recognize who he was. ~~We~~ can be so dull in

B. React to what He can do - vs 56

God help us to react to that ability. These people reacted in faith to the ability of the one that they did not know half as much as the disciples did. What a lesson to our hearts. What these folks were doing was a rebuke to the disciples. They were coming in faith that the disciples had yet to reveal. How ~~hard~~ ^{hard}

V. Closing - It is so sweet to trust in Jesus. Just to take him at his word. Jesus told them they were going to the other side. No matter what happens were ~~aim~~ ^{aim} to other side

- 1) Burkett - See how the disciples take their deliverer to be a destroyer: their fears were highest when their deliverer and deliverance were nearest. God may be coming with salvation and deliverance for his church, when she for the present cannot discern him. But it was also an unmistakeable encounter: It is I. Jesus is saying I AM. He was identifying Himself, this Jesus whom you follow is the Jehovah of the Old Testament, He is the Creator of the winds and of the waves and of nature. Only God, Job 9:8 tells us, 'spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea'. 'Be not afraid', and 'I am', would have brought to their minds: Isaiah 43:1-2 But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.
- 2) ...dull in understanding despite the miracles God has performed over and over again in our lives!
- 3) ...hardened we can become to the ability and capabilities of Christ. I have found in even in my own life that that sometimes I preach things that I know to be true, and yet I so quickly for get in the greatest hour of need.